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Sir:

On both December 7, 2001 and February 25, 2003 Applicants filed an IDS, the first of which cited the references identified in the International Search Report, and the second of which cited US Patent No. 5,304,389 to Kondo et al. The Notification of Acceptance mailed February 14, 2002 indicates that the PTO has received copies of the International Search Report and the references cited therein. Additionally, the Office Action mailed January 5, 2004 indicates that both PTO-1449 forms were attached. However, copies of the Examiner-initialed PTO-1449 forms were not attached to the Office Action. Copies of these forms are enclosed. The Examiner is requested to initial each reference, showing that the Examiner has considered the references submitted with each IDS, and return copies of the initialed forms to Applicants' attorney.

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